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## ABSTRACT

This volume interweaves the themes of history, theory, and administration in probing the fundamentals of the university ideal and the global role of higher education in society today. It uses the results of a series of meetings held by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). After highlighting university history, Part 1 deals with administration in terms of internal institutional organization and the external outward-projecting idea of service. This section presents the theory concerning the university's mission, functions, and roles. Part 2 deals with the administration and internal organization of the university and discusses structures, particularly the academic structure needed to organize human resources such as directors, professors, students and support personnel, and material resources. Part 3 deals with administration as service to society by building a culture, the profession of administration, the university extension services, and the relations linking the university to the international and national scene. Part 4 is an epilogue on planning and evaluation of the achievements of the university as a social institution. (Contains over 250 references.) (JB)

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